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- b.        A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:
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- a. \_\_\_\_\_ No certification; therefore, a fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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- b.  X  **See the certification below. No fee is required.**

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- b.   X   **Enclosed herewith is form PTO-1449.**
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Copies of cited references are enclosed.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Copies of cited references are enclosed except those entered in prior application \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ to which priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 is claimed. [The earlier application contains copies of the cited references.]
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ The listed references were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.

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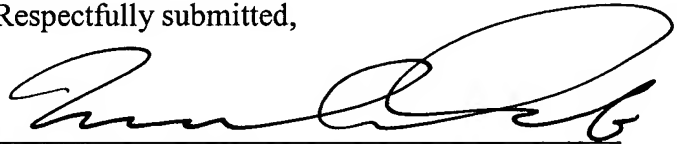
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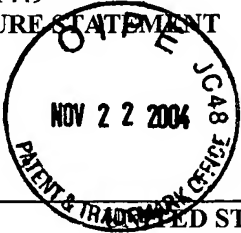
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